

CLAIMS

1. A garden stake support for use in ground including:
a lowermost portion adapted to engage the ground;
an offset portion connecting said lowermost portion to an uppermost
portion that is axially offset from said lowermost portion;
said offset portion including an open platform directly above said
lowermost portion to serve as a hammer point when driving said lowermost
portion into the ground.
2. A garden stake support according to claim 1, wherein the lowermost
portion is, in use, located below the ground surface and the uppermost
portion is located above the ground surface.
3. A garden stake support according to claim 1, wherein the lowermost
portion consists of an I-shaped open three-sided channel member
wherein a first side element extends further and is longer than a
second side element and whereby at a lower end the lowermost
portion forms a point.
4. A garden stake support according to claim 3, in which a bottom edge
extends slopingly between said first and second side elements and
wherein said bottom edge includes an indented shoulder portion.

5. A garden stake support according to claim 1, wherein the offset portion extends generally at right angles to the lowermost portion and includes a pair of spaced upper and lower parallel frame members.

- 5 6. A garden stake support according to claim 5, wherein the lower frame member includes on an outer side thereof a curled tongue extension able to receive a water supply pipe.

- 10 7. A garden stake support according to claim 6, in which a branch pipe member is able to extend from the supply pipe and pass in the space between the upper and lower frame members towards the uppermost portion.

- 15 8. A garden stake support according to claim 5, wherein the uppermost stake portion consists of an open ended base section into which is fitted an interlocking upright section and wherein the base section extends upwardly from the frame members, said base section having a footprint that allows the upper frame member to form a narrow first ledge around the perimeter of the base section, said base section including adjacent an upper edge thereof but spaced therefrom an upper surrounding collar extending partially around the base section in line with the first ledge formed by the upper frame member.
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9. A garden stake support according to claim 8, wherein said lower frame member forms a narrow section ledge adjacent and around the bottom of the base section.

5 10. A garden stake support according to claim 8, wherein a notch is cut into each of the first ledge and collar on opposing sides of the base member whereby the notches are axially aligned on either side of the stake base member, the arrangement of the frame members and notches in the first ledge and collar combining to form a means for
10 securing and directing a water supply from the branch pipe to an elevated position.

11. A garden stake support according to claim 8, in which the interlocking upright section is a snug fit in the open ended base section, said
15 interlocking section consisting of an extrusion that in cross section takes the form of a back to back C-shaped element.

12. A garden stake support according to claim 11, wherein said
interlocking section is formed of two said interlocked back to back C-
20 shaped elements forming a stable structure, said second back to back C-shaped element being partially located within one side of the back

to back C-shaped element and further partially received in slots cut into an upper edge of the base member.

- 5 13. A garden stake support according to claim 1, wherein the stake support further includes a removal wedge located below the offset portion, said removal wedge consisting of an asymmetric notch cut into a bracket extending downwardly from the offset portion, wherein the wedge may be used to lever an embedded stake.

- 10 14. A garden stake support according to claim 13, wherein a second stake is used as a levering tool and a pointed end of the lowermost portion lodges in the wedge, an indent on a sloping edge of the point helps the removing stake to engage the embedded stake and thus facilitates the removal process.